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- transacting an information service to facilitate transactions for filing in one or more of plural target jurisdictions; and
- of plural associates, at least one target jurisdiction, a readable encoding of target jurisdiction-associates, and documents therefor; and
- registered target jurisdiction- and associates, and an originating filer for use in preparing documents for filing by respective associates.
- Claim 1,
- the system is responsive to selection by the originating filer of the target jurisdictions and, for each of the target jurisdictions, for each of the associates, a respective one of the associates.
- Claim 1,
- the system includes periodic supply to the originating filer of a readable encoding of target jurisdiction-associates and documents for each of the associates.
- Claim 1,
- the system is encoded by or transmitted in a data medium selected from the set of a disk, CD-ROM, magnetic, optical, or electronic storage medium, or wireless or other communications medium.
- system for transacting an intellectual property information system comprising:
- an originating node and plural target jurisdictions corresponding to associates licensed or otherwise

5 make intellectual property filings in one or more target jurisdictions;  
6 and  
7 an intellectual property filing portal coupled by the network to the originating  
8 and target nodes, the intellectual property filing portal responsive to a  
9 selection at the originating node of at least one target jurisdiction and  
10 associate for the intellectual property filing, supplying the originating  
11 node with particularized requirements of the selected at least one target  
12 jurisdiction and associate,  
13 the intellectual property filing portal further responsive to receipt via the  
14 network of one or more intellectual property filings prepared in  
15 accordance with the particularized requirements of the selected target  
16 jurisdictions and associates, supplying corresponding of the target  
17 nodes with respective portions of the received intellectual property  
18 filings for filing by respective of the selected associates in respective  
19 of the selected target jurisdictions.

1 6. The information system of claim 5,  
2 wherein the selection at the originating node includes selection of two or more  
3 target jurisdictions.

1 7. The information system of claim 5, wherein for a particular selected target  
2 jurisdiction and associate combination, the particularized requirements include:  
3 formatting requirements for filing of the intellectual property filing in the  
4 particular target jurisdiction; and  
5 an encoding of at least one filing paper required by the particular target  
6 jurisdiction.

1 8. The information system of claim 5, wherein for a particular selected target  
2 jurisdiction and associate combination, the particularized requirements include:  
3 an enumeration of data fields for which values specific to the intellectual  
4 property filing are to be supplied from the originating node to allow  
5 preparation of documents for filing in the selected target jurisdiction by  
6 the selected associate.

1 9. The information system of claim 5, wherein for a particular selected target  
2 jurisdiction and associate combination, the particularized requirements include:  
3 an encoding of at least one paper required by the particular selected associate.

1 10. The information system of claim 5,  
2 wherein the originating node includes a computer of a managing attorney or  
3 intellectual property owner; and  
4 wherein the target nodes include computers of respective associates  
5 configured to electronically receive at least a portion of the intellectual  
6 property filing from the managing attorney or intellectual property  
7 owner via the intellectual property filing portal.

1 11. The information system of claim 5,  
2 wherein the originating node includes a web browser;  
3 wherein in the intellectual property filing portal includes a web server; and  
4 wherein the selection of at least one target jurisdiction and associate, the  
5 supplying of the particularized requirements, and the receiving of one  
6 or more intellectual property filings prepared in accordance with the  
7 particularized requirements are achieved, at least in part, using internet  
8 protocol traffic between the web browser and the web server.

1 12. The information system of claim 5,  
2 wherein the intellectual property filing portal is further responsive to  
3 registration by the associates of their particularized requirements for  
4 target jurisdictions;  
5 wherein the supplied particularized requirements include those registered by  
6 the selected associates.

1 13. The information system of claim 5,  
2 wherein the network includes one or more of a packet switched network  
3 segment, a circuit switched network segment, a public network  
4 segment, a private network segment, a public switched  
5 telecommunications network segment, and a virtual private network.

1 14. The information system of claim 5, wherein the received intellectual  
2 property filings include one or more of:  
3 a computer readable encoding of a technical document including specification  
4 and claims formatted in accordance with the supplied particularized  
5 requirements of at least a first of the selected target jurisdictions; and  
6 a computer readable encoding of information for completion of a filing paper,  
7 request for examination or transmittal in accordance with the supplied  
8 particularized requirements of the first selected target jurisdiction and  
9 the selected associate therefor.

1 15. A method of operating an intellectual property filing portal, the method  
2 comprising:  
3 servicing intellectual property filing transactions using a network accessible  
4 information service;  
5 responsive to a selection by a user of a target jurisdiction and associate,  
6 supplying the user, via the network, with a computer readable encoding  
7 of one or more form documents, wherein the form documents are  
8 specific to the target jurisdiction and associate; and  
9 receiving from the user, via the network, at least a portion of a set of filing  
10 documents, and forwarding same to the selected associate for filing in  
11 the selected target jurisdiction.

1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
2 registering associates for the making of intellectual property filings in  
3 respective target jurisdictions, the registering including updating a data  
4 store with computer readable encodings of form documents particular  
5 to an associate and one or more target jurisdictions.

1 17. The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
2 quoting fees associated with both the target jurisdiction and the associate,  
3 wherein the supplying of the computer readable encoding of one or more form  
4 documents is contingent upon authorization by the user of the quoted  
5 fees.

1 18. The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
 2 quoting fees associated with both the target jurisdiction and the associate  
 3 coincident with the selection; and  
 4 transacting the quoted fees coincident with the one or more of the selection,  
 5 the receiving of filing documents and the filing in the selected target  
 6 jurisdiction.

1 19. The method of claim 18,  
 2 wherein the transacting includes one or more of debiting a deposit account,  
 3 executing a wire transfer, and electronically authorizing payment of the  
 4 quoted fees using a credit card, debit card or other payment system.

1 20. The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
 2 responsive to the selection by the user of the target jurisdiction and associate,  
 3 retrieving a computer readable encoding of target jurisdiction filing  
 4 requirements for technical documents; and  
 5 preparing technical documents of the set of filing documents in accordance  
 6 with the target jurisdiction filing requirements for technical documents.

1 21. The method of claim 20, further comprising:  
 2 supplying the user, via the network, with the computer readable encoding of  
 3 target jurisdiction filing requirements for technical documents; and  
 4 performing the technical documents preparing at the user's site using the  
 5 computer readable encoding of target jurisdiction filing requirements;  
 6 and  
 7 receiving from the user, via the network, the prepared technical documents for  
 8 forwarding to the selected associate.

1 22. A method of operating a one-stop intellectual property filing service, the  
 2 method comprising:  
 3 servicing selections of two or more target jurisdictions and corresponding  
 4 associates for an intellectual property filing;

in response to the selections, supplying target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents for completion;  
receiving the completed target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents and technical documents; and  
forwarding the technical documents, together with respective of the target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents, to each of the selected associates for filing in respective of the selected target jurisdictions.

23. The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
quoting fees associated with the selected target jurisdictions and associates, wherein the supplying of target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents for completion is contingent upon authorization by the user of the quoted fees.

24. The computer implemented method of claim 22, further comprising:  
populating the target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents with matter specific information.

25. A computer implemented method for initiating filing of one or more intellectual property related documents, said method comprising:  
selecting one or more target jurisdictions from amongst a set of supported jurisdictions; and  
for each selected target jurisdiction,  
obtaining a computer readable encoding of one or more form documents, wherein the form documents are specific to the target jurisdiction and to a respective associate therefor; and  
supplying at least a portion of a set of filing documents, for transfer to the respective associate for filing in the selected target jurisdiction.

26. The computer implemented method of claim 25, further comprising for each selected target jurisdiction:  
completing the one or more form documents in accordance with matter specific information retrieved from a data store.

1 27. The computer implemented method of claim 25, further comprising:  
2 selecting the respective associate from amongst a set of supported associates.

1 28. The computer implemented method of claim 25,  
2 wherein the obtaining is from an intellectual property filing portal; and  
3 wherein the supplying for transfer includes supplying a computer readable  
4 encoding to the intellectual property filing portal for forwarding to the  
5 respective associate.

1 29. The computer implemented method of claim 25,  
2 wherein the obtaining is from an intellectual property filing portal.

1 30. The computer implemented method of claim 25,  
2 wherein the supplying for transfer includes forwarding a computer readable  
3 encoding to the respective associate.

1 31. The computer implemented method of claim 25,  
2 wherein the obtaining and the supplying are via a network; and  
3 wherein the supplied portion of the set of filing documents includes at least a  
4 computer readable encoding of technical documents.

1 32. The computer implemented method of claim 25,  
2 wherein the supplied portion of the set of filing documents includes technical  
3 documents and completed ones of the one or more form documents.

1 33. A computer implemented method for initiating filing of one or more  
2 intellectual property related documents, said method comprising:  
3 selecting one or more target jurisdictions from amongst a set of supported  
4 jurisdictions;  
5 for at least one selected target jurisdiction, selecting from amongst one or  
6 more attorneys or agents available therefor; and  
7 for each selected target jurisdiction,

transforming a computer readable encoding of intellectual property application data to a format consistent with requirements of the selected target jurisdiction, the transforming being in accordance with a computer readable encoding of filing requirements for the selected target jurisdiction; and electronically transmitting the transformed computer readable encoding to an attorney or agent for filing in the selected target jurisdiction.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein the transforming is further in accordance with a computer readable encoding of the selected attorney or agent's requirements.

35. The method of claim 33, wherein the intellectual property application data includes contents of a priority application.

36. The method of claim 33, wherein the intellectual property application data includes data retrieved from a docket system.

37. The method of claim 33, wherein the electronically transmitting is via an information service intermediary; and further comprising receiving from the information service intermediary at least the computer readable encoding of filing requirements for the selected one or more target jurisdictions.

38. The method of claim 33, wherein the electronically transmitting is via an information service intermediary; and wherein the transforming is performed by the information service intermediary.



39. The method of claim 33,  
wherein the one or more intellectual property related documents include at  
least one of an intellectual property application, an amendment, a  
transmittal paper, an appointment of agent, and a legalization paper.

40. The method of claim 33, further comprising:  
representing the intellectual property application data in a target-neutral  
format prior to the transforming thereof.

41. A computer implemented method of preparing one or more intellectual  
property filings, said method comprising:  
receiving a selection of one or more target jurisdictions from an originating  
computer system;  
responsive to the selection, supplying the originating computer system with a  
computer readable encoding of filing requirements for the selected  
target jurisdictions; and  
receiving in computer readable form, at least one document prepared at the  
originating computer system in accordance with the computer readable  
encoding of filing requirements.

42. The computer implemented method of claim 41, further comprising:  
for each target jurisdiction selection, also receiving a selection of attorney or  
agent,  
wherein the computer readable encoding of filing requirements includes  
attorney- or agent- specific requirements.

43. The computer implemented method of claim 41, further comprising:  
transmitting, for at least one of the selected target jurisdictions, a computer  
readable encoding of a technical document for filing in the at least one  
selected target jurisdiction.

1 44. An information system for preparing intellectual property filings for at  
2 least one target in accordance with requirements therefor, the information system  
3 comprising:

- 4 a selection facility by which a user thereof selects the at least one target;  
5 a retrieval interface to intellectual property application data stored;  
6 a retrieval interface to target requirement data;  
7 a filing preparation facility responsive to the selection facility to  
8 transform the intellectual property application data into a target-  
9 specific intellectual property application filing format in  
10 accordance with the target requirement data; and  
11 prepare at least one additional document in accordance with the  
12 intellectual property application and target requirement data  
13 for each target selected by the user.

1 45. The information system of claim 44, further comprising:  
2 a communications interface for transmitting the transformed intellectual  
3 property application data and the at least one additional document for  
4 filing.

1 46. The information system of claim 44, further comprising:  
2 a data store, responsive to the retrieval interface, for storing the intellectual  
3 property application data.

1 47. The information system of claim 44,  
2 wherein the target includes a target jurisdiction or convention; and  
3 wherein the target requirement data includes filing requirements for the target  
4 jurisdiction or convention.

1 48. The information system of claim 47,  
2 wherein the target further includes an attorney or agent; and  
3 wherein the target requirement data further includes attorney- or agent-specific  
4 requirements.

49. The information system of claim 44,  
wherein the intellectual property application data includes a priority  
application corresponding to a previously filed intellectual property  
application.

50. The information system of claim 44,  
wherein the target-specific intellectual property application filing format is an  
electronic format for transmission to the target.

51. The information system of claim 44,  
embodied as a client application executable on a originating computer and  
implementing:  
the selection facility,  
the retrieval interface to intellectual property application data,  
the retrieval interface to target requirement data; and  
the translation facility  
and including a communications interface to a server application; and  
wherein at least the target requirement data is hosted by the server application.

52. A computer program product encoded in a computer readable medium,  
the computer program product comprising:  
selection code executable to select one or more target jurisdictions and  
respective associates from amongst a set of target jurisdictions and  
associates therefor;  
retrieval code executable to retrieve, in accordance with the selection, a  
computer readable encoding of target jurisdiction- and associate-  
specific filing requirements;  
document preparation code executable to prepare one or more target  
jurisdiction- and associate-specific documents in accordance with the  
retrieved requirements; and  
filing initiation code executable to transmit the prepared documents for filing  
by the selected one or more associates in the selected one or more  
target jurisdictions.

53. The computer program product of claim 52,  
wherein the selection code, the retrieval code, the document preparation code  
and filing initiation code are all executable on a same processor.

54. A method of making a computer readable encoding of one or more target  
jurisdiction- and associate-specific form documents, the method comprising:  
maintaining a data store of target jurisdiction- and associate-specific form  
documents for transacting an intellectual property filing in the target  
jurisdictions using respective of the associates;  
encoding, based on contents of the data store, an enumeration, for transmission  
to a computer, of at least a subset of the target jurisdictions and  
respective of the associates therefor;  
receiving a selection of one or more of the target jurisdictions and respective  
associates;  
retrieving, based on the selection, corresponding of the target jurisdiction- and  
associate-specific form documents; and  
encoding as a response to the selection for transmission to the computer, the  
retrieved target jurisdiction- and associate-specific form documents.

55. The method of claim 54, further comprising:  
registering individual of the associates for fulfillment of intellectual property  
filings in respective of the target jurisdictions.

56. An intellectual property filing preparation system comprising:  
means for selecting one or more target jurisdictions and respective associates;  
means for obtaining form documents specific to each selected target  
jurisdiction and associate;  
means for completing the obtained form documents in accordance with matter  
specific data; and  
means for transmitting a technical document and respective of the completed  
form documents for filing by the selected associates.